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[1](#)1. Poloff delivered talking points for Reftel A to Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Director of Political Affairs Paul Chiunguzeni on April 20. Chiunguzeni stated that the GOM does not know who it will support, but agreed that human rights abusers should not be on the council. After discussing Malawi, and it as a possible candidate, Chiunguzeni stated that he thought the GOM might apply to join the council at the next opportunity, but that it was not ready to be a candidate now (note: the GOM's mission in New York is in transition, as they have a new Ambassador). Chiunguzeni assured Poloff that he would pass on the names of those they will support once the decision has been made, which he thought would be around the end of April.

[1](#)2. Econoff delivered talking points for Reftels B and C to US/UN desk officer Pamela Mkwamba during the week of 10 April. Mkwamba agreed with the need to move carefully with candidates for the council and understands the U.S. position from previous demarches on this topic.

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